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AS the only rational end of all reading is information, the two eſſential qualifications neceſſary to every writer are knowledge and integrity. If he be deficient in the one, he will undeſignedly lead his readers into error; if in the other, he will deſignedly impoſe upon them. In either caſe the bad effect, tho' proceeding from a different cauſe, will be the ſame; and when perſons are got into a wrong, dark, dirty, and dangerous road, it will be of no account, whether they wandered into it, by following miſchievous, or miſtaken guides.

Of the former ſort, for the moſt part, were thoſe Literary Guides, who, for the cheapneſs and obſcurity of lodgings, reſided in Grub-ſtreet, in the ſeditious times of King CHARLES I. and from their garrets and cellars diſperſed thoſe falſe reports and reaſonings, which were very inſtrumental in ſtirring up the people at laſt to a rebellion. And tho' ſome of thoſe original Grubeans made themſelves moſt remarkably infamous for want of integrity, by wilfully publiſhing what they knew to be falſe; yet many of them ſhewed as great a deficiency in parts and learning, by writeing in a very low manner, adapted only to the taſte of the vulgar. From theſe genuine productions of Grub-ſtreet the ſame appellation has been by degrees extended to all Pieces of the like nature, in which bad matter has been expreſſed in a bad manner, from what ſoil ſoever they have been produced. Inſomuch that all falſe, confuſed Hiſtories, weak Treatiſes on any ſubject, low, creeping Poetry, and groveling Proſe, whether written in any other part of the City, in the Court, or in the Country, have been diſtinguiſhed by the title of *Grub-ſtreet Performances*. And whether the writers, for good reaſons, have ſent them abroad without any name; or have prefixed one, with the faſhionable titles added of *Right Honourable, Right Reverend, B-r. Knt. Eſquire, D. D. M. D. M. A. F. R. S. &c.* the impartial world has ranged them all under one general title of *Grub-ſtreet Authors*.

While the Preſs was under the arbitrary reſtraint of Licenſers, the genius of Grubean Authors was very much confined, and the increaſe of their number hindered. Books written on immoral and irreligious ſubjects, which are much the eaſieſt to be treated without either wit or learning, becauſe the very undertaking ſeems to ſome perſons an argument of both, could not then obtain an *Imprimatur*; and many perſons, who had a great inclination to ſhew their parts, were unwilling to expoſe themſelves to the difficulties and dangers attending the clandeſtine diſperſal of copies. But from the time that the full liberty of the Preſs had ſecured to ſuch Authors a general impunity, which was ſoon accompanied with pecuniary incouragements; their number has continually increaſed, and they have given their genius its full range. Hence many, who could never have diſtinguiſhed themſelves by their writings, had they ſhewed a due regard to religion, morality, truth, or even common decency; have become very infamouſly eminent, by compoſing or tranſlating falſe *Hiſtories*, lewd or immoral *Treatiſes*, *Novels*, *Plays*, or *Poems*. But none have been more ridiculouſly remarkable than ſome great pretenders to *Free-thinking*; who, without a ſtock of learning ſufficient to form a rational conjecture about the ſenſe of any diſputed paſſage in a Greek or Latin Claſſic, much leſs to overturn any political ſyſtem of ſome Heathen Legiſlator; have notwithſtanding ſet themſelves up for interpreters of Scripture, and endeavoured to undermine and demoliſh the certainty of all Revelation.

Tho' the generality of ſuch Authors are the projectors of their own Works; yet a great many of theſe are oweing to the ingenuity of Book-ſellers, who are continually contriving to excite and gratifie the curioſity of the Public, by the propoſal and publication of entertaining and uſeful Pieces. Many of theſe are Works of conſiderable length, either compiled from a great number of leſſer books, and appearing under the title of *Hiſtories*, *Dictionaries*, *Commentaries*, &c. or tranſlated from voluminous French Authors. In ſuch great undertakings ſeveral hands are neceſſarily employed, which work under the inſpection of ſome ſuperior Operator, with whoſe eminent name the whole is graced; tho' perhaps ſcarce a tenth part was really ſuperviſed by him. But a ſtill further addition to the number of Grubean Authors, and that a very large one, has been occaſioned by the great increaſe of Dayly and Weekly News-papers, and Monthly Pamphlets; which were moſt of them the projects likewiſe of Book-ſellers, and are under their management and direction. To furniſh materials for the Dayly Papers, Collectors are ſent all over the City, ſuburbs, and neighbouring villages, to pick up articles of News; who being payed according to the length and number of them, it is no wonder that ſo few of them are true. Hence it is, that we continually read accounts of the *Preferment* of perſons in Church and State, whoſe names were ſcarce ever heard of before, either by our Superiors, or ourſelves; of *Marriages* contracted and conſummated between parties, who perhaps never ſaw each other; of the *Sickneſſes*, *Deaths*, and *Burials* of people, who are alive and in good health. Inſomuch, that it may be ſafely affirmed, that there is ſcarce one article of *Domeſtic News* in ten, but what is falſe, either in whole, or in part; and as to the *Foreign*, there is good reaſon to think the caſe worſe: ſo that the chief, if not only articles, upon the truth of which we can ſafely depend, are thoſe inſerted in direct contradiction to ſome publiſhed before. And beſides the falſeneſs of the matter related, there very frequently occurs a falſeneſs of Tranſlation in the *Foreign News*, and a falſeneſs of Engliſh both in that and the *Domeſtic*; to which in a great meaſure may be juſtly attributed the corruption of our language, in reſpect of expreſſion, as well as orthography. Add to theſe the falſehoods in *Puffs* and *Advertiſements*, ſeparate or conjunctive, containing ſpecious accounts of new *Books*, ingenious and uſeful *Inventions*, infallible *Remedies*, ſtrange and wonderful *Cures*, *Sights*, &c. very many, if not moſt of which accounts, are drawn up in a fallacious manner, on purpoſe to draw in the credulous and unwary.

The affairs of Grub-ſtreet being in this diſorderly ſituation, about ſeven years ago; it was thought neceſſary to endeavour to repreſs, in ſome degree at leaſt, the exorbitances of Authors, Book-ſellers, Printers, and Publiſhers. This was the end and deſign of ſetting up *The Grub-ſtreet Journal*, by ſome Gentlemen; who, in order to carrie it on with the greater propriety, formed themſelves into an imaginary Society, as meeting once a week at the Pegaſus, which is a real houſe in Grub-ſtreet. As neceſſary qualifications for this undertaking, they layed claim to a good fund of integrity, and to a competent ſtock of knowledge; neither of which they thought inconſiſtent with the character they had aſſumed, for the three following reaſons.

1. The ſelf-intereſted and cenſorious part of the world, too apt to judge of the merits of a cauſe by its ſucceſs, frequently applies the appellation of *Grub ſtreet* to unfortunate authors, (tho' not remarkably deficient either in knowledge, or integrity) merely becauſe their Works happen not to have a *run* at their firſt appearance. This is a very uncertain way of judgeing: becauſe, as we frequently ſee a good ſale ſecured at firſt, by the artifices of Book-ſellers, to very bad Pieces; ſo many inſtances may be produced of very good books, which have layen latent in ware-houſes for ſeveral years, and yet have afterwards come into very great vogue. Beſides, good authors do not always write with the ſame ſpirit; at leaſt their readers do not think ſo: and many of their Pieces have moved heavily ſingle, which have paſſed off very well, when collected into a volume with their more celebrated compoſitions. Of the firſt caſe there can not be a more remarkable inſtance than MILTON's *Paradiſe loſt*; and of the ſecond ſo many inſtances will occur to every one converſant with books, that it is unneceſſary to produce any at all.

2. The Works of many celebrated authors, after having been admired for many years, have at laſt inſenſibly fallen off from their general ſale into an almoſt general neglect, ſo as to be read only by the learned and ſtudious. This has proceeded ſometimes from the alterations in ſtile and language, which are neceſſarily introduced by time: and has been oftner occaſioned by the diſcoveries which ſome eminent writer has made of thoſe falſe ornaments in their Works, which had a good while dazled the underſtanding of the generality of readers. Thus by dint of a true taſte, juſt criticiſm, and polite ridicule, the famous MONSIEUR BOILEAU drove off the ſtage of Literature a long train of French authors, who had been applauded for many years. With the like weapons, and with the like ſucceſs, has our ENGLISH BOILEAU purſued, and is ſtill purſueing, the modern Goths and Vandals of Great Britain, in the laſt and preſent age.——But tho' the courſe of many learned Works has been ſtopped, and a period fixed to the fame of their authors, by the two fore-mentioned cauſes; yet the ſame effect has been moſt frequently produced by a gradual and imperceptible alteration of ſentiments in mankind. For the intellectual taſte, like the ſenſitive, changes with time; and our ſtudies, as well as tables, in different ages, are furniſhed in a different manner: tho' the change in the one often conduces no more to the health of the mind, than that in the other to the health of the body. There is a faſhion in Learning, Politics, and Religion, as well as in Cloaths; and the alteration of the faſhion in thoſe is as unaccountable, tho' not ſo frequent, as in theſe. As it is not always the effect of reaſon and conviction, but proceeds from accidental and external motives, this change in reading, principle, and practice, is ſometimes for the worſe; as perſons lay aſide rich, convenient, and decent habits, as old-faſhioned, to put on thoſe of a newer mode, tho' meaner, inconvenient, and indecent.

3. The ſame authors have ſometimes characters directly contrary, not only in different ages, but likewiſe in the very ſame; and that from the moſt intelligent and impartial judges, as well as from thoſe who may be juſtly ſuſpected of ignorance or partiality. The Author of the *Tale of a Tub*, in his *Dedication* to Prince *Poſterity*, repreſents Mr. DRYDEN as a Grubean, and joins him with Mr. DENNIS, Mr. RYMER, NAHUM TATE, and TOM D'URFEY: and this particularly on the account of his *Tranſlation* of VIRGIL; which Mr. POPE, in his *Preface* to HOMER's *Iliad*, declares to be *the moſt noble and ſpirited Tranſlation he knows in any language*. Here we ſee the opinions of the two fineſt Writers of the age, concerning the ſame Work, directly contrary to each other. And tho' there may be reaſon to ſuſpect, that the former was biaſſed by ſome prejudice, when he paſſed his cenſure: yet ſince he never in the leaſt contradicted it, in any of the numerous Pieces he has publiſhed ſince, it may juſtly be looked upon as confirmed by his matureſt judgment. Eſpecially, ſince ſo many of the Learned are of the ſame ſide of the Queſtion; which therefore is not likely to be determined, 'till ſome more fortunate Poet ſhall preſent the Public with a better Verſion in rhime; which thoſe will hardly deſire, who have read, and compared with the Original, the accurate *Verſion* in blank verſe, by Dr. TRAPP, illuſtrated with his curious *Notes* and *Obſervations*.——Monſieur RAPIN, ſo often extolled, both by *The Craftſman* and the *London Journaliſt*, as a fine Hiſtorian, is very conciſely characterized by the late *Free Briton*, as *the dulleſt of dull Writers*. And truely, if a multitude of miſtakes and blunders be any indication of *dulneſs*, this character cannot be charged with injuſtice. For it has been evidently made appear, in ſome of our Papers, that within the compaſs of fifty pages, there are no leſs than ſixty miſtakes, which conſiſt chiefly in falſe Tranſlations of the Latin Authors, &c. from whom he collected his materials. So that, if the miſtakes in the ſubſequent pages riſe in the ſame proportion, and it is very rational to think they riſe in a greater, there are near two thouſand in the whole Work: which may very juſtly intitle the Hiſtorian to the appellation of a *Grub-ſtreet Author*, on the account of his ignorance; which he ſeems to have no reaſon to diſclaim for his great ſtock of integrity: ſo that the prodigious ſale of this *Hiſtory* was not oweing ſo much to its real goodneſs, as to the late epidemic *Bibliomany*.——But nothing is more diverting, than to ſee the Combatants in political and other Controverſies, carried on in News-papers, continually abuſing each other with this title. All News-papers, as to their hiſtorical parts, may be juſtly looked upon as the productions of Grub-ſtreet; and even as to thoſe which are moral, political, or literary, they very frequently ſeem to come from the ſame place. So that theſe diſputants are as often right in their reciprocal applications of this appellation, as the religious Controvertiſts are in applying the names of *Schiſmatic*, *Heretic*, *Reprobate*, *&c.* to one another. And as it is to be feared, that the damnatory ſentences of the latter are likely to be inflicted hereafter upon theſe unchriſtian antagoniſts: ſo it is certain, that thoſe of the former are frequently executed here by the impartial readers upon the controverſial writers of all parties and profeſſions. Tho' for the comfort of unſucceſsful Authors, it may be obſerved, that Grub-ſtreet is more like Purgatory, than Hell; ſince good authors are ſometimes put into it by their adver-

ſaries, and delivered from it by the interpoſition of their friends, in the ſame, or the ſucceeding age.

Since therefore ſome Authors from a Grubean obſcurity have riſen to the ſame of Parnaſſians, whilſt others by a contrary motion from the latter have ſunk into the former: and ſince many have been ſuſpended, as it were, in a middle ſituation, for a long time, by the oppoſite characters conferred upon them both by well and ill qualified Judges; we thought proper to aſſume the humble title of *Grubeans*, taken in the moſt extenſive ſignification, as comprehending all kinds of Authors, good, dubious, and very bad; to all whom the appellation has been frequently applied. We proteſs ourſelves Members of the Society of Grub-ſtreet in general; but have formed ourſelves into a ſelect company, in order to reſtrain the enormities of our worſt brethren, proceeding from their want of integrity and knowledge. Of both which as it was neceſſary we ſhould have a greater ſhare, to quaſifie us for the work we had undertaken: ſo our ambition was only to manifeſt ſo much of either, as might intitle us at leaſt to the character of dubious Authors, placed between the extreams of very good, and very bad. In this ſituation, we had no occaſion to confine our-ſelves to that *Ironical Tranſperſion of Cenſure*, which our late unſucceſsful Brother *The Prompter*, in No. 144. repreſented as neceſſary 'to keep up the *Reſemblance* we had aſſumed.' Had we, according to his opinion, thought our ſelves obliged 'never to beſtow *Praiſe*, but upon the Dull, and Ridiculous, and always to level the Seemings of our *Satire*, 'againſt Nothing but *Wit*, and *Good Judgment*;' this, inſtead of 'allowing the full Scope to the *Humour* 'of our *Title*,' would have reſtrained us within narrower limits, and hindered us from purſueing ſo fully the end and deſign of it. How could we have publiſhed the *Letters* of Correſpondents, on ſo great a variety of ſubjects, written without any manner of *Irony*? Would it have been ſufficient to introduce them always with an *Ironical Preface*? Would not the trouble and difficulty of this task have been very great; and the continual repetition of it, tedious and nauſeous to the reader, as well as writer? Whereas, conſiſtently with our own Scheme, we might publiſh the compoſitions of others, and our own, on all kinds of ſubjects, and in whatever manner written, whether ſerious and direct, or ludicrous and ironical. To expoſe the follies and leſſer faults of our Members, the latter way was thought ſufficient: but their crimes and greater enormities ſeemed plainly to require the additional ſcourge of the former. Self conceited Ignorance and Dullneſs, when alone, might have been kept perhaps within ſome bounds by the ſneering ſmiles of Ridicule; whereas nothing but the rugged frowns of Severity would effectually reſtrain them, when aſſociated with Impudence, Immorality, and Irreligion. Thus, inſtead of the ſingle *Field* of *Irony*, which our Brother ſurprizingly affirms to be 'the moſt *copious*, and *fruitful*, that 'could well have been cultivated,' there was layed open by our Scheme a more ſpacious plain, of double the extent, for the literary exercices of grave, as well as any authors.

Another very material conſideration had no ſmall influence in determining us to the preference of this Scheme. We were ſenſible, how extremely difficult it was to keep up the ſame ſpirit in a Paper, for any length of time. We knew what difference and inequality there is in the writings of different Authors, and even of the ſame at different times: and we foreſaw the neceſſity of publiſhing many Letters of our Correſpondents in the ſame manner exactly in which they ſhould write them. All theſe difficulties we found upon examination to be obviated by our Scheme; and that, without the leaſt inconſiſtency with our character of Grubeans, taken in its full extent, we might inſert in our Paper compoſitions of all kinds; which, whether well or ill written, might properly appear there, either as the high or low productions of an imaginary or real Grub ſtreet. This diſtinction, it is true, into high and low, may be likewiſe uſed, with reſpect ſolely to the productions of real Grub ſtreet: and then, as the latter denotes all the creeping, groveling Pieces in proſe or verſe; ſo the former comprehends all the bombaſt and fuſtian, all the falſe and unintelligible Sublime. For as in the precincts of Parnaſſus there are valleys as well as mountains: ſo in thoſe of Grub-ſtreet, ſtrictly ſo called, there are *Hills*, as well as *Dales*. But we beg leave to extend the diſtinction much farther: to range all the meaner Pieces under the *Low Productions*; and to diguiſhe with the title of *High* all which are written ſo much above that ſtandard, as to render it diſputable, whether they ought to be aſcribed to Grub-ſtreet, or not. Thoſe ſmart Adverſaries therefore of ours, who, having nothing to ſay in particular, ſo frequently caſt a general cenſure upon our Paper as being *true Grub ſtreet*, on the account of ſome Pieces publiſhed in it, were entirely ignorant of its comprehenſive nature and deſign, calculated on purpoſe to incourage the correſpondence of all ſorts of writers, and to contain ſomething ſuteable to all ſorts of readers.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Apr.* 7. Yeſterday it was declared at Court, that her royal highneſs the Princeſs of Wales was advanc'd into the 4th month of her pregnancy, &c. *LP.*

On tueſday was imported from Holland 76 c. weight of whale-fins, 5276 ells of linnen, and 102 reams of paper. ——— Was exported for Calais 18,000 ounces of ſilver coin, 7256 ditto ſilver bullion, &c. *DP.*

Sunday laſt at 3 in the afternoon, happen'd a terrible fire at Sutton, a village near Dartford in Kent, which firſt began at a butcher's, where the chimney being on fire, they fir'd a gun up, and ſome of the ſparks flew upon an adjacent thatch'd houſe, which ſet that on fire, and ſeveral others, which were burnt to the ground, &c *LP.*

They write from Preſton in Lancaſhire of the 1ſt inſt. that a boy by his careleſſneſs ſet the whole mine on fire at the Kennel pits in Haigh: 8 men were ſuffocated by the ſmoak, &c. The water that came out of the Sough is ſo impregnated with copperas, &c. that it has turn'd the river Dugles as green as graſs. *DP. DA.*

Died, yeſterday morning, at the Earl of Grantham's, in Albemarle ſtreet, Madam Naſſau, ſiſter to Count Naſſau, and a near relation of Lord Grantham's. *DA.* —— At his lodgings near Red-lion-ſtreet, Abraham Collingham, Eſq. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *Apr.* 8. Yeſterday the Houſe of Commons adjourn'd till thurſday, and the Houſe of Lords to monday fe'nnight. *DA. G*

Yeſterday at a general court at Bridewell Hoſpital, Mr. Rob. Biſhop was unanimouſly choſen treaſurer of Bridewell and Bethlehem Hoſpitals *DP. DJ. DA.*

On wedneſday a certain nobleman went perſonally in a hackney coach to pay a viſit to a decayed gentleman near Golden-ſquare, and preſented him with a purſe of 600 guineas. *DJ.* ——— *It is pity* my brother *did not tell us, who that* certain, real noble-man *was.*

On wedneſday the Lady of the right hon. the Lord Rob Montagu, was ſafely deliver'd of a ſon and heir in Saville-row near Burlington gardens. *DP.*

Yeſterday being Maundy-thurſday, the rev. Dr. Gilbert, Dean of Exeter, and almoner to his Majeſty, diſtributed in the chapel at Whitehall, to 50 [54 *DP. DJ.*] poor men and women, his Majeſty's alms, viz. to each 3 ells of holland, a piece of cloth for a coat, a pair of ſhoes and ſtockings, a purſe with 20 s. and 54 ſilver pence, a loaf of bread, and a wooden platter of fiſh. *G.* ——— *The ceremony of* waſhing the feet, *was omitted, either by* the Dean, *or* my Brethren.

On wedneſday laſt came on the election of Eaſt India Directors for the year enſuing, when the houſe laſt carry'd all but Henry Lloy'd, Eſq; in whoſe room Alexander Hume, Eſq; was elected. The numbers were as follows.

Peter Godfrey, Eſq;	884	Alderman	856
Robert Adams, Eſq;	875	* Henry Laſcelles, Eſq;	855
Chriſt. Burrow, Eſq;	875	Cha. Colborne, Eſq;	823
* Mr. Rich. Chauncy,	873	Joſias Wadſworth, Eſq;	809
Abra. Adams, Eſq;	872	Harry Gough, Eſq;	756
Mr. John Emmerſon	872	Sir W. Billers, Knt. and Alderman,	673
Michael Impey, Eſq;	869	Will. Pomeroy, Eſq;	585
Jones Raymond, Eſq;	868	Mr. Richard Blount,	556
Mr. Samuel Hyde,	866	* Alexander Hume Eſq;	536
Miles Barne, Eſq;	864	* Capt. James Winter,	541
* Matth. Martin, Eſq;	863	Stephen Biſſe, Eſq;	518
* Will. Goſſelin, Eſq;	862	Edw. Lovibond, Eſq.	515
Sir John Salter, Knt. and			

Thoſe mark'd with * are new ones. *DP.* &c.

On wedneſday was imported from Holland 18 c. wt. of whale fins, and 1170 ells of linnen. *DP.*——Exported for the Sound 24 000 ounces of ſilver bullion, 3000 ditto ſilver coin, &c *DP. LP.*

A CASE. *Will. Credit* is poſſeſs'd of a perſonal eſtate of 2000 l.—Sir *J. Spunge* borrows of *Credit* 1000 l. to be attended with an annuity of four per cent. redeemable at pleaſure —— *Spunge* in proceſs of time reſolves to reduce this annuity of four per cent. to one of three per cent. and gives notice to *Credit*, that he will pay him off, unleſs he conſents to his propoſal. *Credit* hereupon aſks *Spunge* how he will pay him off? —— Why, ſays *Spunge*, I'll borrow the other 1000 l. of you at three per cent. (which I know you are worth) and redeem the four per cent. Annuity with your own money. ——— *Qu* What opinion muſt *Spunge* have of *Credit*'s underſtanding, when he ſuppoſes he will voluntarily comply with ſo *modeſt* a propoſal. *DP. LP.*

Died, a few days ago, Mr. Claude Arnoux, an eminent French maſter, &c. *DJ.*

On wedneſday, as Mr. Sympſon, an Attorney of Lincoln's inn Old-buildings, was coming in a chariot over Finchley common, he was extremely ill, and being carried into a houſe at Brown's well, died in a few minutes. *LP.*

Yeſterday the 4 malefactors, convicted at Kingſton Aſſizes, were hang'd at Kennington common. *DJ.*—— Purdie denied the murdering of his wife to the laſt moment. *DP. LP.*

SATURDAY, *Apr.* 9. Yeſterday the right rev. the Lord Biſhop of Rocheſter, &c. preach'd before their Majeſties, &c. *G. DA.*

The right rev. Dr. Secker is to be tranſlated to the Biſhoprick of Oxford, and to hold the rectory of St. James's, and his prebendary [prebend] of Durham, in Commendam. *LP.*

Yeſterday his grace the Duke of Grafton ſent order, to the workmen employ'd in repairing Hampton-court, to ſtop their new works. *DP.*

It is now ſaid, that his ſerene highneſs Prince William of Heſſe-Caſſel will not come over to England this ſummer, as has been reported. *DJ.*

It has been computed, that in Town and Country, within theſe 14 days, above 40 hundred weight of Tea has been ſeized by the officers of Cuſtoms and Exciſe. *DP.*

A few days ſince Mr. Barley, a farmer, at Hoxhead in Surry, was robb'd of a box of linnen, ſeveral gold rings, &c. to a great value; and by circumſtances miſtruſting it could be done only by ſome body who was well acquainted with his houſe, he got a ſearch warrant and found his goods at a Glazier's houſe in Linſfield, whom he ſurpriz'd in bed with his two daughters, one of whom had ſome time before liv'd as a ſervant with Mr. Burley. They were carry'd before a juſtice of the peace, and all three committed to goal *DP.*

Married on ſunday, at Cheſſea, Phil. Rewberry, of Hampton Eſq; to Miſs Swinton *G.* ——— Yeſterday, Parſon Gaynham, near 80 years of age, to his ſervant-maid, who has liv'd with him in the Liberties of the Fleet, upwards of 14 years *DA.* —— The rev. Dr. Gaynham, the Fleet Parſon, to his houſe keeper *LP.* —— Remarkable for having coupled 36 000 perſons. *DA.* —— As by his own books appears *LP.* ——— *'Tis apprehended, the* Dr *can hardly live long enough to undergo* an adequate penance *in the* matrimonial ſtate.

Died on ſaturday, at Wells Rob. Kendall, Eſq; a gentleman worth 4000 l. per ann *G.*

MONDAY, *Apr.* 11. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Gilbert, ſub-almoner, preach'd before their Majeſties, the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, &c at St. James's. *DA.*

Saturday laſt their Majeſties, &c attended by the Duke of Manchester, the Dutcheſs of Richmond, ſeveral of the Maids of Honour, &c. went to the Mews to ſee the fine ſaddle horſes, and new dun coach-horſes, lately come from Germany. *DA.* —— Miſs Williams had a narrow eſcape from being hurt by one of the horſes. *LP*

A ſtop having been put to the preparations for fitting up Hampton Court againſt the ſummer, hath occaſioned various conjectures and ſpeculations. *LP* —— We hear that the repairs are ordered to be forwarded again, as faſt as poſſible. *DA. Apr.* 22. —— *This may likewiſe* occaſion various conjectures, &c.

The Earl of Darnley is appointed Grand Maſter of the antient and hon. Society of free and accepted Maſons for the year enſuing. *DA.*

On friday the Lady of the right hon. the Lord Gower was ſafely deliver'd of a daughter, in Brooks-ſtreet, Groſvenor-ſquare. *DA.*

On tueſday the rev. Mr. Harby, rector of Cowden in Kent, and chaplain to the right hon. the Earl of Leiceſter, kiſs'd his Majeſty's hand, on his being appointed by his lordſhip chaplain of the Tower. ——— His lordſhip has alſo made Mr Lewis Davis ſurgeon to the 1ſt regiment of foot guards) ſurgeon of the Tower. *DA* —— *One would imagine*, Mr. Harby *had rather* kiſs'd the Earl's hand *on this occaſion.*

We hear the late Earl of Angleſea, has appointed Councellor Anneſley of Lincoln's-inn-fields, his ſole executor, to whom he has left all his perſonal eſtate, except a few legacies, &c. *DP.* ——— An eſtate of about 700 l. a year comes to an eminent tradeſman of this city of the name of Anneſley. *DA.*

We hear there will be a Lottery at 10 l. per ticket, the blanks to be rendered worth 7 l. 10 s. each, and horſeing to be allowed in the Ally, under certain reſtrictions; and that there will be a bridge at Weſtminſter. *LP.*

On ſaturday one John Wright was committed to Newgate for laying a great quantity of hay, ſtraw, and other combuſtible matter at the oyl ſhop of Arthur Rawlinſon, high conſtable of Weſtminſter, the next ſhop to it is a diſtiller's, the next to that a tallow-chandler's, and juſt by it a wax-chandler's; he was diſcover'd by a watchman. On examination he confeſs'd the fact, and gave no other reaſon for it, but that he wanted to be hang'd. *LP. G.*

On thurſday was imported from Holland 329 reams of paper, and 709 ells of linnen. *DP.* —— Exported for Holland 7200 ounces of ſilver coin; and for the Sound 9000 ounces. *DP. LP.*

On ſaturday 50 tons of large iron ordnance were put on board a ſhip for the ſervice of the King of Portugal: 12 pieces of fine braſs ordnance have been lately made for his Majeſty. *LP.*

Died, on ſaturday, of an inflammation in his lungs, Sir Geo. Beaumont, Bart. *DP G.* —— At his lodgings in Covent-garden. *LP.* — In his 72d year: of Stoughton-Grange in the County of Leiceſter. *DA.* —— He has repreſented the town of Leiceſter in every parliament ſince the death of King William. *DP. LP.*

TUESDAY, *Apr.* 12. His majeſty as Elector of Hanover, is to appoint a biſhop of Oſnaburgh in the room of the laſt, who was a Roman Catholick, and elected by the Emperor; ſo that the right of nomination is now in his Majeſty, as being by turns in the Empire, and in his Majeſty's Gift. —— 'Tis ſaid, that the choice will fall on his royal highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, or the Prince of Orange; a layman being capable of executing the office. *LP.* —— *Not of* executing the office, *but only receiving the revenues*, &c.

Yeſterday the right hon. the Lord Mayor, preceded by the Children of Chriſt's Hoſpital, the City Muſick and Officers in their formalities, and accompanied by the major part of the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the Governors of the ſaid hoſpital, went in grand proceſſion to St Bride's church, and heard an excellent Spital ſermon, preached by the Lord Biſhop of St. Aſaph. *DP.* —— On *Prov.* iii. 27. and afterwards proceeded to Vintner's hall, where a grand entertainment was given by his lordſhip, and a ball at night. *DA.*

Extract of a Letter from Paris. —— It was judiciouſly remark'd by a ſubject of Great Britain, that the French Quality give twice as much every year to the poor as they throw away on Operas, Maſquerades and Aſſemblies; but whether the Britiſh Quality imitate them in ſo laudable an atonement for their vices, is what we are no judges of on this ſide the water. —— It is true, we have priſons and priſoners too for debts, but I have been told that you have more people confin'd, that is, lock'd up in the Fleet or King's Bench, than can be found in all the priſons of Paris put together, and it is morally impoſſible even for our priſoners to be diſtreſs'd for any thing neceſſary to a ſufficient ſubſiſtence, their liberty excepted. *DP.*

There have been cur'd and diſcharg'd the laſt year, out of St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, 5083; out of St. Thomas's, Southwark, 5214; and out of Bethlehem, of lunacy, 110.

'Tis ſaid that an oppoſition is expected at Coventry: one of the candidates talk'd of is the right hon. the Lord Guerniy, ſon to the Earl of Ayleſford; and another gentleman of the County of Warwick will join him. *LP.*

Died, on ſunday, Mr. Brownſword, maſter of the Swan Brew-houſe near Whitechapel church, worth near 100,000 l. *DP.* —— Francis Brownſword, Eſq; *DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Apr.* 13. The Lord Chamberlain of his Majeſty's houſhold hath given orders for 27 large rooms to be new-floor'd and roof'd in the royal palace at Hampton-court with all convenient ſpeed; it being certain the Court will reſide there this ſummer. *LP.*

'Tis reported, that his Majeſty will take a tour to Bath in October. *LP.*

Yeſterday his royal highneſs the Prince went to Kew, attended by the Lord Jerſey, &c. where he intends to ſtay till ſaturday. *DA.* —— As did alſo her royal highneſs the Princeſs, &c. *DA. G.* —— The coachman had orders to drive ſlowly, her royal highneſs being ſome time gone with child. *DA.*

Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Herring, Dean of Rocheſter, preach'd the Spital ſermon at S. Bride's, before the right hon. the Lord Mayor, &c. *DP.*

Married yeſterday at S. Bride's, Mr. Peregrine Hogg, an eminent wholeſale Linnen-draper in George yard, to Miſs Newham, an agreeable young lady, with 10,000 l *DA.*

On monday a certain perſon at Charing croſs, between 70 and 80, was married to a girl in that neighbourhood of 18; which occaſion'd a grand Hudibraſtick ſkimmington, compos'd of the chairmen and others of that claſs, to the great diſturbance of the new married couple, &c and they not being content with a proceſſion on foot, afterwards rode on horſeback; but an unlucky perſon putting a nettle under the tail of the horſe, threw the riders, and put an end to the cavalcade, to the great joy of the Bride and Bridegroom. *DA*

Yeſterday 2 boats, overloaden with paſſengers, were caſt away between Cuckolds point and Deptford, and 17 perſons drowned. *DP* —— One between Deptford and London, with 16 perſons; and another at the Iſle of Dogs, with 6 and 2 watermen: 7 of the former, and all the latter were drown'd. *LP.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

April 4, 1737.

Gentlemen,

I Have obſerved, that in your Papers you have avoided touching on State and Party affairs. But I hope pleading the cauſe of the diſtreſſed and unfortunate, will be deemed neither. My whole ſmall fortune is in *South Sea Annuities*, which was bought ſome years ago at an high price, and has ſince ſcarce yielded me 3 per cent. by reaſon that the premium which I gave carrys no intereſt; and that a proportion of it is entirely loſt whenever part of the principal is paid in. Therefore, when we are reduced to 3 per cent we ſhall not in truth receive more than two.

The Hiſtory of England, as brought down by SHAKSPEAR in almoſt a continued ſeries of ſeveral hundred years, is full of inſtructive paſſages. It has been continued by other writers to the end of the reign of King CHARLES I. and may hereafter be brought down lower.

The complaints of a diſtreſſed people and the wiſe conduct of a good King, on thoſe complaints reaching his ears, are ſo well ſet forth in the *Fourth Scene* of the *Firſt Act* of *Henry* VIIIth, beginning

QUEEN. *Nay, we muſt longer kneel*, &c.
And ending, —— *I ſhall anon adviſe you Further in the proceeding.*

that I beg you will inſert it, I would only remark, that the exaction there mentioned is only of a 6th part; but the late projected one is of the 4th part of the income of thouſands, who have no more than 20 or 30 l. per annum to live on, and are incapable either of earning their bread or improving their fortunes.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your humble ſervant,

MERCATOR LONDINENSIS.

We muſt refer our Readers to the paſſage, which is too long to inſert, containing 112 lines.

In PHILIPPUM *Dum.* HARDWICK.

Flebilis interiit ſanè TALBOTUS; at illo
Flebilior claudes, docte PHILIPPE, diem.
Non merita expendit tantorum Muſa virorum,
Unius Aſtreæ munus id eſſe reor.
Hoc volo: tu recreaſti animos deflentibus *illum*:
Sed vix, *te* flentes qui recreabit, erit.
Differat O! multos hanc cladem Numen in annos,
Nec tales Aetas defleat una duos.

U. C.

Since our laſt we have received a *Letter* from PHILALETHES, and a Copy of *Verſes* from TOTNES.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Charles Town, South Carolina, to his Correſpondent in London, dated the 9th of February laſt —Our Aſſembly are ſitting day and night, and all ſunday laſt, making vaſt preparations on account of a large fleet, well mann'd, preparing at Cuba with deſign to invade this province; there is an embargo laid on all veſſels bound to England or elſewhere, ſo that I deſpair whether the ſhip that is to carry this Letter will be ſuffer'd to ſail. no corn, rice, or other proviſions, being allow'd to be ſhipp'd off. Colonel Barnewell is diſpatch'd to Beaufort, by order of the Aſſembly, to alarm the ſouthern parts; and I have ſent orders to my plantation to provide all the horſes I can, to be in readineſs: we have ſeveral veſſels already cruizing on the coaſt. You may remember the Spaniſh friar, who came here from Auguſtine ſome time ſince, whoſe buſineſs was to get as many Spaniards as he could that were ſcatter'd up and down this province in the ſervice of the Engliſh as their rangers and cattle-hunters, and he carried ſeveral of them off with him. We have the good fortune to have more veſſels in the harbour than ever I ſaw here at a time before, and about 800 new comers (Swiſs and Iriſh) in town: we are expecting every minute an order to arm, and ſend them away to ſtrengthen the ſouthern frontiers. Captain Chilcrofts is diſpatch'd to bring down the Creek Indians, and Colonel Butler the Cherokees. The bridges are building about the town, and the cannons mounting; meſſengers are diſpatch'd to Virginia and New York for ſhips and men to come to our aſſiſtance. *DP. Apr.* 9.

Edinburgh, Mar. 31. On tueſday the right hon. the Lord Elchies, one of the Ordinary Lords of Seſſion, receiv'd his Majeſty's Letter, nominating him one of the Lords of the high court of Juſticiary, &c. *G. Apr.* 7.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Apr.* 7. A prieſt, a native of Monſarez, died lately at Oliven, a in Spain, aged 120 years. *LP*

It is confirmed, that his Imperial Majeſty has condeſcended to grant his ſecond daughter in marriage to the King of the two Sicilies. *DJ.*

The Britiſh Miniſter at the Hague has complain'd againſt a Dutch newswriter, who, in relating the proceedings of the Britiſh Parliament, concerning a proviſion for the Prince of Wales, very groſsly reflects upon Sir Rob. Walpole. He has been ſeverely threatened, and ordered to retract; which he has done. *DA*

SATURDAY, *Apr.* 9 —— *Vienna, Apr.* 3 When the Count de Feuneclara demanded the ſecond Archducheſs, he was anſwer'd, that the ſituation in which the Imperial Court then was, did not permit them to treat of that affair; but that nevertheleſs they would not neglect to conſider of his propoſal. *DP. DJ.*

It is written from Paris, that a Society of young Ladies is forming in that city, in order to vindicate their Sex from the aſperſion generally thrown on them, of not being able to keep a ſecret: a ſecret is to be the band of this Society, in imitation of that of the Free Maſons.

MONDAY, *Apr.* 11. They write from Paris, that M. Chauvelin, among other crimes, is accuſ'd of having miſapply'd many millions of publick money order'd for *Poland*, which cauſ'd King Staniſlaus to miſcarry; and that thoſe ſums were divided between him and ſome perſons of the firſt rank. *DA.*

The King of Sardinia conſummated his marriage with the Princeſs of Lorrain the firſt inſt. at *Chambery*, and they ſet out for Turin the 7th. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *Apr.* 12. If the account of the Tartars late expedition to the Ukraine be true, the Tartars, formerly ſo warlike and enterprizing a nation, are become the moſt cowardly and daſtardly people upon earth, or elſe the rear guard of an army of near 100,000 men, would not have been beat by 300 dragoons. *G*

Letters from Genoa, if they are to be depended upon, ſay, that the account of Lord Theodore's return into the iſland of Corſica is without foundation; that on the contrary, none can tell what is become of him, ſome pretending he is gone back to Barbary, and others elſewhere. *LP.*

Yeſterday Bank Stock was no Price. India 178. South Sea 98 1 half a 9 a 7 8ths. Ditto Old Annuities 108 1 half a 3 4ths, a 1 half, for the Opening. Ditto New 107 1 half a 3 4ths a 5 8ths. Three per Cent Annuities 104. Million Bank 120. African 14. Royal Aſſurance 107 3 4ths. London Aſſurance 14 1 half a 3 4ths. Bank Circulation 2 l. a 5 s. Prem. South-Sea Bonds 2 l 8 s. a 10 s. Prem. India ditto Old 5 l. 8 s. Pr. Ditto New 5 l. 10 s Prem. Engliſh Copper 2 l. 12 s. a 15 s. Three 1 half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 6 a 1 half. Prem. Three per Cent. ditto 1. Prem. Salt Tallies 1 1 half a 4. Prem. Emperor's Loan 115 3 4ths a 16.

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